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Re: Finance Docket 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation -- Construction and
Operation of a Rail Line to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Chief Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of a letter from Brian A. Lindamood, Project Manager, Alaska Railroad Corporation. I have also enclosed one extra copy of the letter for date-stamping and return.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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RE: Finance Docket No. 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation – Construction and
Operation of a Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Chief Brown:

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is writing this letter to request a minor modification of various proposed mitigation conditions appearing in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that was prepared in the above-named matter.

Several of the proposed mitigation conditions suggest that all officially recognized trails crossing the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension (PMRE) will be grade-separated. As stated in previous correspondence, ARRC has proposed to grade separate these officially recognized trails where possible. In some cases, however, grade separations are not feasible due to terrain or adverse impacts to other environmental resources. ARRC intends to provide at-grade crossings, including appropriate warning systems, for officially recognized trails where grade separation is infeasible. Accordingly, ARRC requests that the mitigation conditions be modified to eliminate any suggestion that all officially recognized trails will use grade-separated crossings.

ARRC appreciates the Board's careful consideration of its petition, and of the mitigation measures that have been recommended by the Office of Environmental Analysis. ARRC has made, and will continue to make, every effort to work with property owners and trail users as the PMRE project moves forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions about this request.

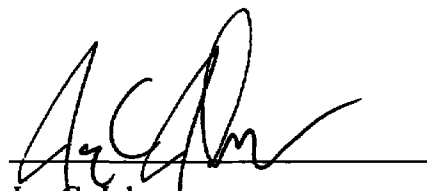
Sincerely,

Brian A. Lindamood, PE
Project Manager, Special Projects

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing letter from Brian A. Lindamood, Project Manager for Alaska Railroad Corporation, is being served on the following party of record in this proceeding by first-class mail, postage prepaid:

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